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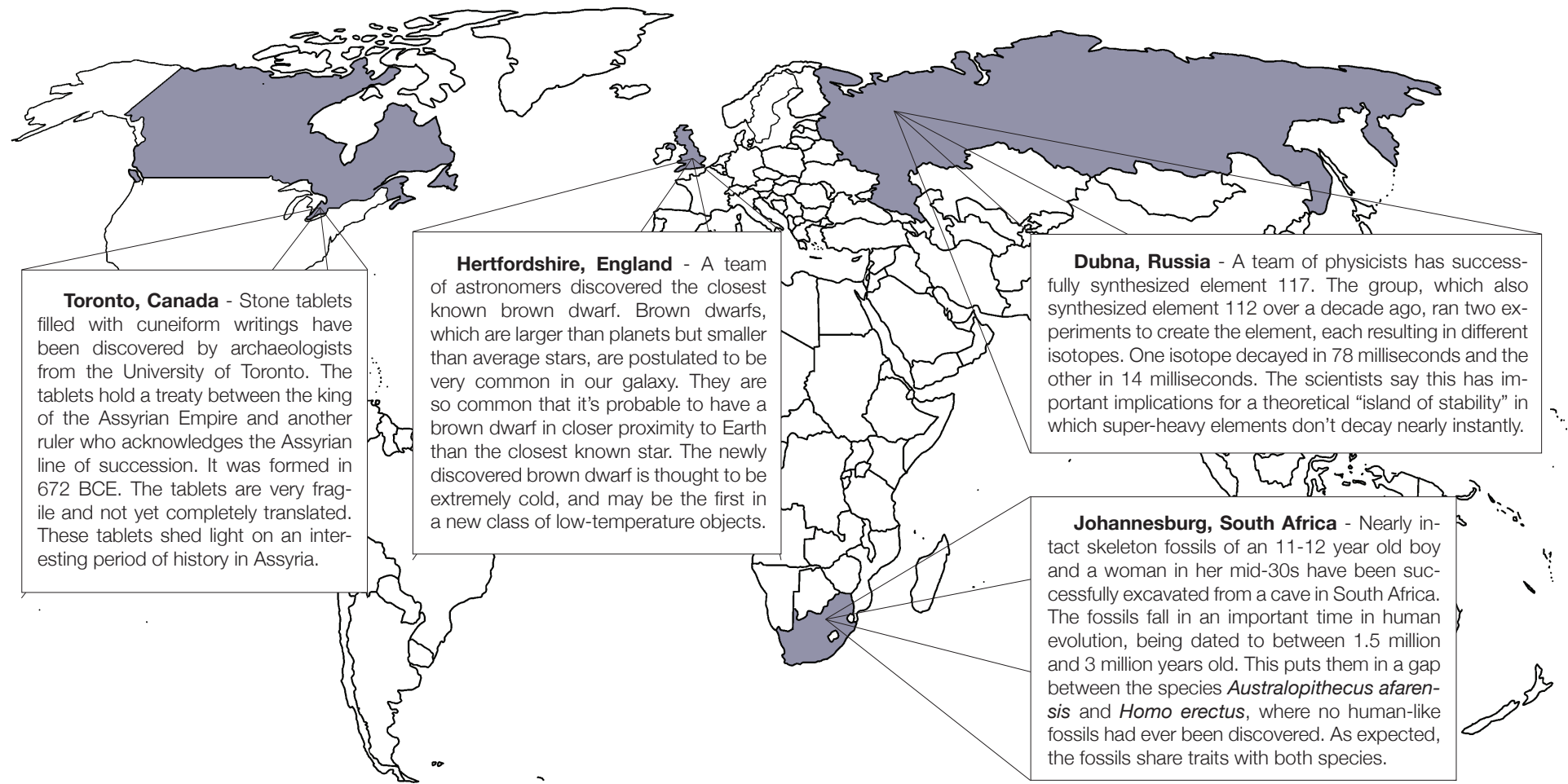
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Scientific discoveries this week

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Headlines from around the world

Emily Trudell, Staff Writer

Cuban president **Raul Castro** commented that Cuba would not give in to "blackmail" regarding the treatment of their prisoners, saying that the United States and Europe were "hypocritically holding up the flag of human rights."

The death toll of the flooded **Wangjialing mine** in northern China has reached 33, while rescue crews continue to work to find the other 5 missing miners. A total of 261 miners were in the mine when it flooded on March 28th after a rush of underground water.

Twelve year old **Elham Mahdi** died in Yemen of internal bleeding following intercourse just days after she was married to a man who was reported to be at least twice her age. The minimum age of marriage in Yemen is still under debate, though another 12 year old girl died during childbirth in September.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced that **Iran's nuclear program** had advanced toward faster centrifuges that can enrich uranium up to six times faster than the original model. Ahmadinejad says that these new "third generation" centrifuges are a step towards meeting the domestic needs of the country.

Somalian Islamist group al-Shabab **banned BBC** and ordered that all of the BBC's transmitters be shut down, saying that the news organization has an anti-Muslim agenda.

United States Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, the oldest member of the Court, announced that he **plans**

to retire this summer. Stevens was nominated to the Supreme Court in 1975, and will turn 90 next week.

The country of Kyrgyzstan held a national day to mourn for those who died during a series of **violent protests** that forced President Kurmanbek Bakiyev and other government officials to flee the capital. An interim leader, Roza Otunbayeva, has been put in place of the country, though she demands that Bakiyev resign from his presidency.

Pope Benedict XVI announced that he would be available to meet with the victims of **sexual abuse** by Catholic priests. This comes after speculation that the Pope was responsible for covering up the actions of pedophile priests in the 1980's.

Australian officials prepared to begin the removal of roughly 1000 tons of oil from a Chinese ship that has been stranded in the Great Barrier Reef since it ran aground on the fourth of April. Though some of the fuel was spilled, it has been broken up with **chemical dispersant**.

The United States Navy **banned smoking below the decks of submarines** in an effort to protect the health of non-smoking sailors. A study has indicated that between 35 and 40 percent of sailors active on submarines are smokers. The new policy will be effective on December 31.

A **Polish plane** crashed in Russia, killing 97 people including Polish President and First Lady. The other people that were killed were military and political leaders.



Local News

Samantha Lawrence was awarded \$10,000 from the Materials Technology Institute. Lawrence is studying metallurgical and materials engineering and corrosion engineering.

Colorado School of Mines' Robert Ferriter was quoted in BusinessWeek in regards to the West Virginia mining accident as having said, "They were not getting air into places where they said they would."

The Golden City Council has added an e-Comment feature to council agendas. This is a way for people to submit their opinions to the council on issues, enabling people to say whether they are for or against an item. This will hopefully link the council more with the community.

The Rocky Mountain Rail Authority released a study that indicates that Golden may be a good location for a high-speed rail station. There are two proposed locations, one being at the Highway 6/I-70 intersection and the other being closer to downtown Golden. More information can be read at www.rockymountainrail.org.

The historic downtown post office has been put up for sale to the tune of \$874,000. The building will not necessarily be saved, but there is a law that enables the Golden community to be on a discussion committee about whether or not to save the building.

John Stermole serves community, world

Trevor Crane
Staff Writer

You may notice that the name associated with the recently added Stermole track and field complex is similar to that of a lecturer you may have for an economics class. It is the continuous generosity supplied by this family that will resonate throughout the future of the Colorado School of Mines. Professor Frank Stermole and his wife have contributed greatly to the athletics program here at our school, and his son, Professor John Stermole, a lecturer in the economics department, carries on the strong family heritage.

There are a variety of paths that Mines faculty members take en route to their job, but there are none shorter than that of John Stermole. Stermole grew up in Golden, Colorado, attended Golden Junior High School, Golden High School, and even lived in Mines Park while his fa-

ther was working for Mines. He then broke the "Golden" trend by attending the University of Denver to obtain a degree in finance. And after earning his master's degree, Stermole began his career by becoming an adjunct professor in 1988 underneath his own father.

While Professor Stermole stayed close to home during his early years, he made up for it later in his life. Just open up his book "Economic Evaluation and Investment Decision Methods" and you'll understand the breadth of this man's travels. "It's great. I get to go out and help solve real world problems and bring it back and teach it

to my classes," he commented. One year in his life can be split up into two sections. One he spends

For the other, he travels the globe teaching economics to business professionals in a class that spans only a few days. "I teach them in two to four days what we spend an entire semester on here," Stermole said with a smile. Stermole's journeys have taken him from Santiago to Cape Town, from Australia to Indonesia as he teaches

for non-profit businesses in the area. A major group, Mean Street Ministry, operating around Colfax, focuses on helping out the working homeless. Professor Stermole described them as "those who can find work, but can only afford to live in a hotel." The non-profit brings help to these people by providing food, clothing and bare necessities. Another non-profit aided by Stermole is the Rochlin Foundation, which helps finance and support graduate students attending seminary.

The professor has seen some amazing sights in his lifetime. His influence has allowed him to help out many people. Above all, Professor Stermole is a family man. He is a husband and father of two and has spent many years under the guidance of his father, a man he greatly admires. "I really appreciate him," Stermole was proud to say, "He is a great boss and a great friend and a great man. And not everyone can say that about their father."



TREVOR CRANE / OREDIGGER

semester teaching a semester of Engineering Economics to Mines Students and grading papers.

engineering economics to clients. But Professor Stermole's influence goes beyond his teaching. He is currently on multiple boards

Lost Lake not lost for E-Days

Kevin Lock
Staff Writer

In honor of E-Days, the beer of the week is Lost Lake, Wisconsin's finest. The cheapest beer at Foss, the cheapest liquor store in town. E-Days is a time for keg races, all-day partying, and visits to Casa Bonita. The only thing to drink is the cheapest and highest quality beer that can be found at Foss Wine and Spirits.

Bud Light claims that they have superior drink-ability with a beer that you can enjoy for the duration of the day. Obviously, the Budweiser brewers have not tasted the wonderful beer that is Lost Lake. Brewed by Universal Sales Inc., this beer is universally delicious. This beer allows the drinker to pound a 12 pack in an enjoyable 20 minutes. The smooth, watery taste of this fantastic refreshment will not let the drinker down. The light yellow hue has not disappointed the millions that support this drink each year. With no offense of hoppiness or maltiness, this beer can be enjoyed no matter what, regardless of palette

preference. Perhaps the best part of this beer is that it is a wallet-buster, costing only six dollars for a 12 pack, making this beer optimal for the E-Days festivities. While drinking in California or Oklahoma, the beer only gets better because the cash redemption drops the cost an extra \$0.10 per can creating a total savings of \$1.20 per case. Who wouldn't want to drink this aluminum can of deliciousness?

The marketing team for Lost Lake did not sell themselves short while creating the design of the appealing can. The stripes that line this can create a "Where's Waldo" appearance that makes drinking this beer an even more enjoyable experience, if you can believe that. The picturesque creek puts Coors' sorry silver bullet to shame. The box shares the same classy pin striping as the can, but not to skimp on the packaging cost, the box includes a fridge-friendly can dispenser. Despite the name, this beer will never be lost among college students nation-wide. In the end, by depicting the Lost Lake on their can, is it actually lost?

Go bananas over monkey bread

Katie Huckfeldt
Staff Writer

Ingredients:
* 1 ¾ cup flour
* 3/4 tsp. baking soda
* 1 ¼ tsp. cream of tartar
* ½ cup walnuts (optional)
* ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate mini morsels
* ¾ cup sugar
* ½ cup vegetable oil

* 2 eggs
* 2 ripe bananas, sliced
* ½ tsp. vanilla extract
* ¼ tsp. ground cinnamon
Directions: Combine the flour, soda, cream of tartar, and walnuts. Mix well and set aside. Put all remaining ingredients in a blender or mixer and process until smooth. Stir in the flour mixture. Grease a 9x5x3-inch loaf pan and pour in batter. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes.

TECH BREAK

Apple iPad

Ian Littman, Tech Break Columnist

It does not run desktop apps. It does not fit into your pocket. It does not even multitask... until this fall, at least. However, if you are looking for a device that would be right at home in a SciFi movie, the iPad is it. Not only that, but it has an almost SciFi like property of being perfectly responsive, with a ridiculously long battery life that netbooks or Windows-based tablets currently cannot touch. I was able to test out the \$499, 16GB iPad thanks to the Mines bookstore, who has several units in stock. All in all, it is a pretty cool device.

To dispel rumors and confirm everyone's most common apprehensions, the iPad is indeed awkwardly sized for carrying around, yet its screen is bright, tack-sharp, and rich enough for an enjoyable photo-viewing experience. Battery life actually does measure up to the rather insane ten hour advertised length, as long as all ten of those hours are not spent playing HD video, with all audio coming through the iPad's speaker at full blast. Speaking of which, the iPad's auditory output exceeds the loudness of some laptops that I have used, something that confuses roommates to no end. As with other Apple devices, audio out is clean and, if need be, ear-splittingly loud. Zooming out a bit, the touch screen is responsive (as is the device as a whole 99 percent of the time) and

the iPad as a whole feels rock-solid.

One thing to note is that WiFi doesn't have amazing reception, though it's on par with the iPhone and the iPod touch. The device also seems to lose signal every once in awhile for no apparent reason. Hopefully this will get fixed in iPhone OS 3.2.1 (or something close to it).

For those wondering whether the iPad will run Word, Excel or Mathematica, the answer for these (at least right now) is no, since the iPad is a big iPod touch, not a small Mac. The upside is that, thanks to a rich set of Apple-provided APIs (Application Programming Interfaces), iPad applications are plentiful, beautiful, cheap and optimized for working on the iPad, something that mainstream-OS tablets can't match. That said, iPhone apps other than games look downright ugly when magnified by a factor of two to come even close to fitting the iPad's high-resolution screen.

Just remember that the only application that you can run in the background on the iPad right now is the iPod application; Pandora shuts down the second you hit the Home button. This issue, which is a lot more prescient with a device that's the size of a netbook rather than a cell phone, will be solved in the fall-release iPhone OS 4.0. For now multifunction apps (like an IM client that builds in a Safari window and a Twi-

ter stream) will have to do.

One advantage of the iPad right now is that developers are on short release cycles; bugs are found and corrected quickly. That said, there are still a number of bugs to be worked out, since iPad-native applications work quite differently from a user interface perspective versus their iPhone counterparts. One interesting exception to the quick-release-cycle rule is Apple itself; apparently their iWork iPad suite positively mangles documents and presentations imported from, or exported to, the desktop versions of the exact same applications. No explanation has been offered for this aberration, though it will hopefully get fixed sooner rather than later.

In sum, the iPad is a very mature first-generation product, though if you're on the fence it's a good idea to wait until the iPhone OS update. For those who must have a certain desktop application, wait. If you want a one hundred percent stable application base, wait. However, if you want a rather feature-rich internet tablet (and then some) with plenty of eye candy, fluid responsiveness and alien-technology battery life, the iPad is a good buy. If you want to try the iPad for yourself, the Mines bookstore has a demo table out. I would suggest checking out the WetherBug and Blackboard Mobile Learn applications.

Geek of the Week

Dan Haughey
Staff Writer

Oredigger: Do you consider yourself a geek?

Ryan: Of course I am Geek. Yes. It's kind of a yes or no question.

When did you realize you were a geek?

I said something really nerdy and everyone kind of looked at me and said, 'What the hell did you just say?' I think it was last year during my classical mechanics class. Someone was acting really

weird and I described their weirdness as a form of eccentricity. So mathematically, I described how far off circle they were.

How did you come to be at Mines?

I am a Boettcher Scholar, but in 7th grade I came here for an international robotics expo and ever since then I really wanted to come here. There was this team from Argentina with a robot that looked like the scarab beetle from the mummy and they weren't allowed to use it

...Ryan Crisp, Junior: Engineering Physics

because they did have a kill switch on top of it that you could easily hit. So they were afraid it would kill everyone. Would have been cool if it'd been on Battle Bots. Well they weren't remote controlled, they were run by programs. It was a type of Robot Olympics. They had to step over a trip wire and go collect tennis balls while neglecting baseballs.

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Cardboard boat race



"Bonk!" gameshow



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E-Days Rocks: Less Than Jake

Spencer Nelson
Content Manager

The E-Days concert once again pulled hundreds of students into Volk Gymnasium for a fun night of music. Starting off the night was a reggae band from Savannah, Georgia, called Passafire. While they insisted the crowd rock out, the music tended more towards a relaxed feel. Occasionally, the songs would break down from the easy-going sways into solid rock riffs that got the crowd moving significantly. The 45-minute set was pretty uniform from start to finish, but was certainly enjoyable. Surprisingly, the reggae band was a pretty good match as an opener for the ska band headliner of the show, Less Than Jake.

After a between set break that carried on for well over 20 minutes, Less Than Jake came on excitedly and quickly got to playing. Their fast-paced songs were led by an equally fast guitar and punctuated by the signature ska sound of the trombone and saxophone. Most of their

songs were fast, quick and fun, but occasionally the set wound down to a more ska and less punk sound. Throughout their set, mosh pits were continuous and crowd surfers glided along by the dozen.

Of course, what E-Days concert doesn't involve some ridiculous antics by the headlining band? Less Than Jake was quick to announce that they were actually the band Reel Big Fish and that they were from Tulsa, Oklahoma, neither of which is true. A few times, people were invited up on stage and asked to do one thing or another. The band ego was enormous, explaining how they were better than several other bands, such as My Chemical Romance and Blink-182, based on ticket prices and such. All in all, their ridiculous attitude added to the atmosphere of the obviously ska punk concert.

Explaining that they don't leave the stage and come back for encores anymore, they finished off their 90-minute set with three-song "en-core," and let the crowd go, finishing off a fun night.

Ore-cart pull



Less Than Jake concert



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

... NICK ZEHRING, SENIOR: TRACK TEAM

Trevor Crane
Staff Writer

Senior Nick Zehring gets his fame by throwing things. What could be better? Zehring, originally from Mesa, Arizona is making his mark on Mines athletics with exceptional performances in the shot put and discus this year. He represented the Orediggers in Albuquerque, New Mexico last month at the indoor track and field national competitions and looks to improve as the outdoor season gets underway. Last week, Zehring placed fourth at the Tom Benich Classic in the shot put with a “toss” of 15.89m, the best throw at the meet by a Division II athlete. As his senior season winds down, Zehring looks to wrap up one of the most successful throwing careers Mines has seen.

[Oredigger] How did you get started in track?

[Zehring] I grew up in athletics. I had some of my friends in middle school join the track team. I joined it, loved it, and it just grew on me.

What is your favorite part about the track team?

Oh, I love the easy-going atmosphere. Everyone is competing and trying to do well, but you are still enjoying it. I played football, and there, if you don't perform well and win, you're having a hor-

rible day. But in track, everyone is still enjoying it even if you don't do well.

What has it been like to see the success you've had this season?

It's nice to see my hard work pay off. I've worked my butt off since day one, so it's nice to finally see the results.

What are some goals you have for this season?

I definitely want to get All-American. I've been working my way up and setting little goals all along the way. I've made it to Nationals, so now I want to be top eight (the qualification for All-American).

What other sports have you been a part of?

Soccer, wrestling, and football. My favorite sport to watch would have to be [Notre Dame] Irish football. I love to watch college football. They've had some rough years and a lot of my friends give me grief for it.

Do you have a favorite sports figure?

I'd have to pick a thrower because it's what I do. I'd say John

Godina. He's been to several Olympics as a good shot put and discus player. I actually got to meet him a while ago.

How did you end up at Mines?

I knew I wanted to do both engineering and athletics. I met with the football and track coaches here and loved it.

What do you like about Mines?

I like the close-knit campus. I lived near Arizona State and there are around 40,000 people there. Here you know most of the people walking around campus. I mean, I know Dan Fox, the Vice President [of Students] and Golden is a nice town.

What would you change if you could?

More girls at Mines. (Laughs) Or easier classes.

What is your best track memory?

Conference competition this year. I had already provisionally qualified, but I was on the edge of going to nationals. I had a huge Personal Record that day and it bumped me into nationals. It was my defining moment in my career.

Andrew Ryan (#14) pitches against Metro State during Sunday's game.



First baseman Elliott Riege (#25) waits for the throw from second baseman Tyler Phan Thornton (#1).



Andrew Ryan (#14) strikes out a Metro State hitter.



John Wilson (#30) barely fouls to left field.



Craig Matsuda (#2) beats the tag diving back to first base.

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Tim's two cents

ME-Days: the difference between celebration and selfishness

Tim Weilert
Staff Writer

E-Days 2010 has come and gone and now it's time to shake off the weekend and prepare for finals. It was a marathon weekend of sorts... starting on Thursday and stretching until late Saturday night.

Over the course of E-Days I enjoyed the celebratory atmosphere and reveled in the beautiful spring weather. After the recent round of exams I was ready to kick back, relax and enjoy time with friends and colleagues.

Unfortunately there were a few instances that prompted me to ask "What the hell?" While the spring-

time festivities have become notorious for drinking and hard partying, I can't help but wonder if some forms of celebration are more about being selfish than actually enjoying life at CSM.

There were more than a few instances where people acted decidedly selfish with no care for consequences. The staff at the Coors plant was overwhelmed by obscenely rude CSM students on Friday, prompting them to turn away all students on Saturday. This should not sit well with our campus.

The fireworks display was another event that was enjoyable, but could have been better if people actually thought through their ac-

tions. Several people (myself included) were a bit annoyed by those who brought laser pointers and shined them during the show. Also, those people who decided to stand during the entire show blocked the view of everyone else who was sitting.

So what can we learn from all of this? First: don't drink too much, it can make rudeness and obscenities appear acceptable. Second: Use all of that jello between your ears and THINK! Finally: Be willing to give back and make a positive impact on your community. Take some time to get outside of yourself and do something selfless this week.

Mines puts on a different fireworks show

Jake Rezac
Content Manager

This year's fireworks show was, as always, an incredible visual treat. Once again, the people in charge of the show blew us all away with their impeccable control of explosives. The camaraderie between Mines students that the fireworks usually creates, however, was severely lacking.

In years past, thousands of people associated with the school have climbed into the bleachers at Brook's Field, packed tightly enough to fight off the cold April air. Drunken fireworks-enthusiasts have run across the base of the bleachers to start the wave; chants of 'blow the f*cker up' filled the air with the same irreverence that's associated with our school's fight

For a fireworks show, it was spectacular. But E-days just felt different without the standard kick-off.

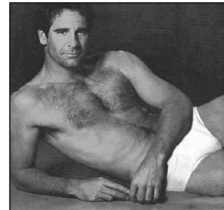
song.

The fireworks themselves were unbelievable, with enormous flares warming the crowd and explosions of dynamite simultaneously terrifying and engrossing the audience. Mines students, packed close enough to be physically indistinguishable, were of the same mindset and ready for E-Days to begin.

This year was different. Groups of friends sat with each other, not associating with strangers. There was no homogeneous mass of people with whom to be instant friends. There were various attempts to start the fabled chant, but without the group anonymity and group closeness, they all seemed to fail. Mines students are often shy among people they don't know. During fireworks shows of years past, however, we all became friends, even if it was only momentarily.

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Top ten ways you got hurt over E-Days

Mike Stone
Content Manager

- 10) Ice falling from your boom arm
- 9) Cramping in your pumping hand
- 8) Hernia from laughing
- 7) Tennis Elbow from BP
- 6) Not wearing your seatbelt
- 5) Catching wind in the third turn
- 4) Standing too close to the speakers
- 3) Ripping your pants on that fence
- 2) Missing the porcelain
- 1) Slipping on beer-soaked grass

New major at Mines

Janeen Neri
Helluva Engineerd

School of Mines officials announced yesterday that there are plans in the works to introduce a new major: Whining Engineering (WE). "This is something that students have been requesting for a long time," said program coordinator Matt Slick, "it's apparently in great demand even during the recession. We have companies clamoring at our doors for whining engineers almost every day. We had to turn them away, though – up until now, we considered it to be an extracurricular activity."

Even though WE has suffered from a second-class status since the founding of Mines, the student body picked it up almost from day one. "I am so proud of these Mines kids," Slick said, "some people say they take on too much, but I think their spirit of intense motivation is what makes Mines great. Before we considered the program officially, the student body had gathered all the resources for the equivalent of a minor in whining engineering." Although no clubs or organizations have been set up for whining en-

gineers, the discipline is widely discussed and admired across campus. "Everyone knows that whining engineers make all the money," said junior Ryan Turner, "they're like environmental engineers; a workplace isn't complete without them. I'm probably gonna switch to a whining focus as soon as it gets officially put into the engineering division."

Added Slick, "The major will focus on the all-too-of ignored craft of whining. Core classes will probably include physics, quant lab, thermo, and 12 CSM101 classes, one for every semester. Additionally, because of the high demand and high standards for whining engineers, WE majors will be required to pay an extra \$10,000 per semester whiner's surcharge. Also, they will be denied the opportunity to purchase parking permits and will be barred from entering the Rec Center."

The program coordinators are optimistic that the new degree track will receive ABET accreditation within a semester or two. "We're just discovering how much talent we have in the student body," Slick said, "the program will probably be bursting at the seams

even before it gets certification." The toughest battle for the program leaders has been finding teachers for the classes unique to the major. "Unfortunately," Slick said, "professors are notorious for actually liking their fields, so they don't provide a very good example for the students. Plus, for some reason they tend to have this unfair prejudice against whiners. A lot of them flat-out refuse to teach the classes, on principle."

As one professor, who preferred to remain anonymous, put it, "If you hate this school so much, why in the world are you still paying to be here? So you can make the students who are actually enjoying themselves miserable with your incessant complaining? Why are you putting yourself through the pain of studying for a job that you'll hate, just so you can make enough money to drown your hatred of your job in shallow, unfulfilling consumerism?" Clearly, overcoming faculty bigotry for whining engineers will be a major hurdle in the way of program implementation. However, if the plan proceeds as expected, the program will be available as early as spring 2011.

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